

HOUSE RESOLUTION 4
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ramey Harold Cecil for
forty-five years of meritorious service to
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this Body should honor those incomparable public servants who throughout their service to State Government have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented commitment, and whose professionalism and proficiency serve as a benchmark for present and future employees; and

WHEREAS, Ramey Harold Cecil, former Facility Manager for the legislature and present Sergeant at Arms for the House of Representatives, is one such person who has given unselfishly of himself, his time and his notable talents to ensure the efficient and effective operation of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Harold Cecil began his exemplary career with Tennessee State Government in 1957 as an employee of the Department of Public Works, working as an Engineer at the State Steam Plant; and

WHEREAS, After a brief tenure in that position, Mr. Cecil relocated to the State Capitol, where he would serve with distinction in various positions for the next forty-four years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil's first job at the Capitol involved maintaining the historic building's new heating and air conditioning system for the Department of Public Works; he was also responsible for the maintenance of the General Assembly's roll call and public address systems; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil's loyal and astute service to this Body was rewarded in 1971, when he was appointed to serve as the first Facility Manager for the General Assembly, his appointment coinciding with the legislature relocating its offices to the War Memorial Building; and

WHEREAS, For the next sixteen years, Harold Cecil was a constant and reassuring presence in the Legislative Complex, as he ensured the smooth operation of the General Assembly with the utmost dedication and ability, always calm in the face of crisis with a smile on his face, and always willing to do whatever was necessary to get the job done; and

WHEREAS, When Speaker Ned McWherter became Governor in 1987, he once again called upon his old friend and colleague Harold Cecil to employ his singular talents in service of the State Capitol, and Mr. Cecil could not refuse; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil served with distinction as the Facility Manager for the State Capitol, overseeing the superb renovation of that beautiful historic building, before taking a much deserved retirement in 1988; however, he would soon answer another call to duty from this Body; and

WHEREAS, Realizing the great void that Mr. Cecil's departure had created at the Legislative Complex, Speaker Ed Murray appointed him to serve as a Sergeant at Arms for the House of Representatives in 1988; Mr. Cecil has continued to do his usual excellent job under the leadership of Speaker Jimmy Naifeh; and

WHEREAS, After fourteen outstanding years as a House Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Cecil has once again announced his intention to leave this Body in order to pursue the more recreational side of retirement; and

WHEREAS, During his forty-five years of exemplary service to this State, Harold Cecil has truly been an essential public servant on Capitol Hill; he is a gentleman whose talent and energy have seldom been equaled and, without question, he will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, It is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this dedicated professional should honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Ramey Harold Cecil upon his distinguished career spent in service of the General Assembly, both as Facility Manager and Sergeant at Arms; salute his commitment to attaining excellence in all his endeavors; and wish him all the best for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.